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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

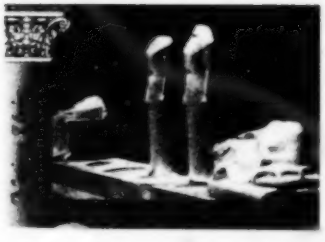
Subject: **First Day of Issue — 12 August 2004: "World Heritage — Greece" Stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 12 August 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Greece". This is the tenth United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites and the eighth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

2. The stamps will be issued in denominations of 37¢, 60¢, F.s. 1,00, F.s. 1,30, €0,55 and €0,75. The designs were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — F.s. 1,00: 80 cents; F.s. 1,30: $1.04; €0,55: 67 cents and €0,75: 92 cents, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



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Prestige booklets

3. On 12 August 2004, UNPA will also issue its ninth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets on the theme "World Heritage — Greece", have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue and each contains a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations. The booklets are priced at $7.20, F.s. 8.40 and €6.80.

(United States equivalents — F.s. 8,40: $6.72 and €6,80: $8.33, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 12 August, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the widows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.